

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of          | ) |                           |
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| Heinz Bauer                   | ) | Art Unit: 3744            |
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| Application No. 10/573,213    | ) | Examiner: John F. Pettitt |
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| Filing Date: January 16, 2007 | ) | Confirmation No. 4996     |
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| FOR: NATURAL GAS LIQUEFACTION | ) |                           |
| PROCESS                       | ) |                           |
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2009.

The Examiner has restricted the application and has required an election of one of the following Groups:

- Group I. Claims 1-9;
- Group II. Claim 10;
- Group III. Claims 11-14;
- Group IV. Claims 15-24;

Group V      Claim 25;and

Group VI      Claim 26.

See Office Action, at page 2.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, with traverse, and, accordingly, provisionally elects claims 1-9.

The Applicant is further required to elect a species, if a generic claim is not allowed. The examiner indicated that, in Group I, claims 1-6 are generic, and that the following species claims are indicated:

Species I      Claim 9;

Species II      Claim 7;

Species III      Claim 8.

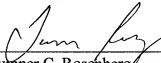
Applicant provisionally elects Species II (claim 7), subject to whether a generic claim is allowed.

A credit card payment submitted via EFS Web in the amount of \$490.00, representing the fee for a large entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) and a Request for Two Month Extension of Time are enclosed. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.


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